**Taos Archaeological Society Officers Meeting Minutes**

**October 3, 2021 9am**

**ZOOM ID 545 842 9500**

**In attendance: Phil Aldritt, Debbie Espie, Cassandra Keyes, Chris Ellis**

0) Approve minutes, Debbie motioned to approve the minutes, Phil seconded, approved unanimously.

1) Cassie Newman Dome Survey Update Not all volunteers showed but it was successful. Sunday Steve Shackley was there, he collected some samples to submit for Ar dating. He talked about the geology of the area, what it is and what the implications are for arch. Recorded over 50 tools, anything bifacially worked. Mono’s, groundstone, projectile points as well. Monos were sandstone. Some discussion about the site

Chris asked about the email dist. list Phil confirmed all except Nancy C

2) Ceramic Analysis Committees Update. SMU closed until 2022. Phil has not heard anything from them. There was a suggestion that something might happen in October but there has been no communication. SMU is still closed.

3) New speakers for Fall/Spring. January 11/Zoom Continues Speakers confirmed through April except January meeting. Maybe talk about NDS project to raise awareness about it. Cassie offered to do the January meeting about the NDS project. All meetings via ZOOM still. Crow Canyon and Arch Café still zooming/recording. Discussion about having in-person and ZOOM at the same time. Probably will still be ZOOMing these in the Spring.

4) New speakers for 2021-2022/Online 2022? Kit Carson status Phil will check in with KC to see if they are having in person meetings and if so how many are showing up/Historical Society.

5)Insurance for Ceramic activities/Request for inclusion. Need to think about whether or not we are going to pay for the insurance again. Have to decide on this at next meeting. The insurance would cover Paul Reed’s trip to Chaco. General liability insurance, but may not be enforceable for field trips. Cassie asked about waivers, Phil explained they are used but they are not enforceable either.

6) Activate Matching donation Button for MPPP Summer 2022 spoke to John M about Mesa Prieta Project. Someone will have to replace Anita to head the education committee and reconnect with MP. Phil spoke to someone at MP and they are running small, private tours. Hopefully by next Spring TAS will be able to pay for some school trips to go to MP

7)ASNM. Proof of vaccine? Masking? 100%? Buffet concerns? Phil talked to Sagebrush. They have mandatory masking inside right now. Phil said if we have the ASNM at Sagebrush, we may have to enforce masking. Cassie said at Red Rocks you could show vaccine record or negative test. And it’s confusing and different wherever you are, no mask mandates in Denver. Buffet vs served food. Last time 90 persons at dinner. Plating will be more expensive, but might be better received than a buffet. Will speakers want to travel to come to ASNM. Phil spoke to Matt Barbour, but hasn’t had any reply as of today. Cassie suggested following what Soc for Amer Arch does. Phil wants it determined before starting to take registrations so we can inform people from the outset. Phil asked Chris if he knows how many registrations there are, very few cancellations. Phil will contact speakers in December.

8) TAS Financials/ Formsite account change They are posted on the website. Need another person to write checks prior to planning for ASNM. Phil not sure about Paypal situation as it was CJ’s personal acct which he believes is closed. Chris said Wild Apricot goes directly to bank. Chris doesn’t want to write checks bc it could be a conflict, and Pres shouldn’t either. Suggestion that new officer should agree to write checks.

9) Museum tour Fall 2022. Maxwell and CNMA or Folk Art Hopefully moving ahead with this next year.

10) Chaco Trip Fall 2021 (FULL 12 GOING)/ Bears Ears 2022 Paul asked they all provide proof of vacc and they did. He will have them wearing masks indoors. Andrew Golford

11) Scholarships 250.00 x 2 Have to think about this, didn’t send any in 2020. They would be to graduate students. Cassie may have suggestions for students. She asked if there had to be a SW or regional focus? Phil said not really but it would be best. Form on the website. Cassie suggested listserv. It is in our mission statement that we provide the scholarships.

12) Website issues/ Webmaster Duties/Access to information Phil discussed this, and it will be described in writing. Phil is the contact/billing for the website. That fee is increasing and will be due in June. CJ was paying for FormSite, and the domain site payment on her own without anyone else’s knowledge. So these are fees TAS will incur that we have not had in the past. This position/duties/responsibilities has to be transparent going forward. At this time everything is up to date and paid.

13) Schedule ASNM Steering Committee Meeting Reconnections need to be made, and policy decisions re: ASNM need to be made but Phil thinks they can be part of the regular meeting up until the May meeting. There will be a separate agenda for the next meeting on ASNM topics. There is a renewed contract with Sagebrush. May 6, 7 and 8 2022. That is a holiday weekend but we could change it.

14) Mesa Prieta Petroglyph trips Spring 2022 see notes above.

15)Other:

Next Meeting Sunday Nov. 7 at 9am